IV. Read each paragraph. Then select the best answer for each question.

The earth is always changing. One way it changes is by erosion. Some erosion is caused by the weather. For example, the wind causes erosion. In the desert, the wind blows the sand around. Rain also causes erosion. It washes away earth and even changes the shape of some rocks. Another kind of erosion is caused by rivers. When a river goes through a mountain, it cuts the mountain. After a long time, the mountain is lower and the land is flatter.

1. The topic of this paragraph is:
   a. changes
   b. erosion
   c. the mountains
   d. the earth

2. The main idea of this paragraph is:
   a. The earth is always changing.
   b. The mountain is lower and flatter.
   c. Erosion changes the earth.
   d. The earth changes mountains.

The Pilgrims named the place where they landed Plymouth. They started to build houses there, but winter came very soon. They were not ready for the cold. They did not have enough warm clothing. They did not have enough food. Half of them died that winter.

1. The topic of this paragraph is:
   a. Pilgrims
   b. Thanksgiving in Plymouth
   c. The Pilgrims' first winter
   d. Warm clothing for the cold

2. The main idea of this paragraph is:
   a. The Pilgrims' first winter was very difficult.
   b. The Pilgrims named the place they landed Plymouth.
   c. They did not have enough warm clothing.
   d. The Pilgrims had a nice Thanksgiving.